expected to be completed during the 8th Plan. Updating of survey for Latur-Miraj has been included in Budget Proposals for 92-93. There is no proposal for construction of new line Ahmednagar-Bir-parli at present.

देश में बड़ी लाइनें और मीटर लाइनें

2204. **डा॰ अबरार अहमद:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1947 से पूर्व देश में बड़ी लाइन और मीटर रेलवे लाइन की कुल लम्बाई कितने किलोमीटर तक विद्युतीकरण पहले ही किया जा चुका है और बकाया रेल लाइनों के विद्युतीकरण के लिए क्या योजनाएं हैं;

(ख) रेलवे लाइनों की कुल लम्बाई में से कुल कितने किलोमीटर तक विद्युतीकरण पहले ही किया जा चुका है और बकाया रेल लाइनों के विद्युतीकरण के लिए क्या योजनायें हैं;

(ग) राजस्थान में बड़ी लाइन और मीटर लाइन की लम्बाई कितनी है जिसका पहले ही विद्युतीकरण हो चुका है और शेष लाइनों के विद्युतीकरण के संबंध में क्या योजनाये है; और

(घ) जयपुर के कब तक बड़ी लाइन से जोड़ दिए जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) मार्ग कि॰ मी॰ के आकड़ों का ब्यौरा वित्त वर्ष के अन्त (31 मार्च) के आधार पर रखा जाना है। मार्च, 1948 तथा 31 मार्च, 1991 को यातायात के लिए खोली गयी ब॰ला॰/मी॰ला॰ की लुम्बाई इस प्रकार थी:—

	31.3.1948 को	31.3.1991 को
बड़ी लाइन	25,170	34,880
मीटर लाइन	24,153	23,419

(ख) 31.3.1991 को कुल 62,367 मार्ग कि॰ मी॰ लम्बाई (छोटी लाइन सहित) में से 10,083 कि॰ मी॰ रेलवे लाइन विद्युतीकृत है और इसमें से 9,968 कि॰ मी॰ यातायात के लिए खोला जा चुका है। इस समय (1991-92) लगभग 2800 मार्ग कि॰ मी॰ पर विद्युतीकरण का कार्य चल रहा है। रेलवे के 1992-93 के बजट प्रस्तावों में और 1961 मार्ग कि॰ मी॰ के विद्युतीकरण को शामिल किया गया है।

(ग) 31.3.1991 को राजस्थान में बड़ी लाइन तथा मीटर लाइन की कुल मार्ग कि॰ मी॰ लम्बाई तथा विद्युतीकृत मार्ग की लम्बाई इस प्रकार थी:—

	कुल	विद्युतीकृत
बड़ी लाइन	1,235	491
मीटर लाइन	4,506	—

राजस्थान में पड़ने वाले शेष खण्डों में से किसी भी खण्ड को विद्युतीकृत करने की फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(घ) मार्च, 1993 तक सवाई माधोपुर छोर से।

Parallel Broad Gauge Line From Dindigul to Madurai

2205. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTTNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the parallel Broad gauge line from Dindigul to Madurai is likely to be commissioned:

(b) whether there is any proposal to connect Madurai with Delhi by a Rajdhani Express via Bangalore;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Govt, have taken any final decision to construct a parallel Broad gauge line between Madurai and Maniyachi; and

(e) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) During 92-93.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

(d) and (e) In view of the inclusion of Madras-Tiruchchirappalli (via Chord)-Dindigul in the action plan for gauge conversion, it has been decided that the MG line Madurai-Maniyachchi should be converted into BG as per the original approved plan.

Railway Colony Located at the Outskirts of Bhopal City

2206. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a railway colony of about 700 quarters at the Outskirts of Bhopal city in Madhya Pradesh inhabited by employees of Rail Coach Repair Factory, Bhopal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no civil and Electrical Wing of the railways for the maintenance of buildings and electric fittings in the colony;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to provide civil and electric wings in the colony for its maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A colony of about 700 houses is being developed on the outskirts of Bhopal. 425 houses have since been completed out of which about 300 houses have been occupied by the staff.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Unused land in the Railways

2207. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment to find out the acreage of land belonging to Railways lying unused for a long time in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such land in each State; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to utilise the same?

THE. MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No. Sir. However, as per estimates available, about 61,000 hectare of railway land is lying vacant at present.

(c) The railway land which is lying vacant will be required for Railways' developmental works in future. There is also a proposal for exploring the feasibility of commercially exploiting space over railway land and land presently lying vacant, without obstructing the use of the land by Railways when required. This matter is in the processing stage.

Improvements in working of Ports

2208. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 4,000 crores are required during the Eighth Five Year Plan period for improving the port facilities in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the working of the ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A Working Group of the Ministry examined the requirements of the various ports and assessed that an amount of Rs. 4204 crores would be required during the 8th Five Year Plan for improving the port facilities in the country.

(b) Improvement of port facilities is a continuous process. In the 7th Plan, thrust was on the following:

i. development of infrastructure;

ii. modernisation of port facilities;

iii. development of facilities to handle containers;

iv. deepening of ports-on a selective basis;

v. improvement in productivity of labour and equipment,

vi. improvement in financial viability; and

vii. encouraging private sector participation in certain areas such as ship repair, dry docking, container handling etc.

The thrust for improvement of port facilities in the 8th plan is on:

i. development of infra-structure in ports in consonance with the overall economic growth;

ii. increasing level of containerisation in the country;

iii. dedpening of ports for handling the bigger sized ships in ore handling ports;

iv. mechanisation of loading/unloading facilities; and

v. improving productivity in labour and equipment.

Vehicles with Central Red Light

2209. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of private vahicles in Delhi are having Central Red Light on their bonnets;

(b) if so, the significance thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware